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SUBJECT: ALBANIA LIKELY TO ABSTAIN ON DEFAMATION OF RELIGIONS VOTE

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(SBU) On December 3, Poloff delivered reftel information to Ilir Melo, Chief of the Americas desk at the MFA, and thanked him for the GOA's abstention on the previous vote on this subject. Melo said the GOA would likely abstain again during the final vote. Melo also noted that the GOA has received letters from several Members of Congress about this issue.

WITHERS